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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 1577

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, KU

SUBJECT: GOK REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF M109, 155MM SP

ARTILLERY (HOWITZERS)

REF: STATE 61041

1. DURING MEETING WITH DEFENSE MINISTER SHAIKH SA'AD AL-ABDULLA MARCH 26, I PROVIDED HIM WITH NEGATIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING EARLIER DELIVERY DATES REQUESTED BY GOK FOR HOWITZERS PURCHASE CONTAINED REFTEL.

2. SHAIKH SA'AD WAS CLEARLY DISAPPOINTED WITH 1982 DELIVERY DATE IN FMS OFFER AND ASKED WHETHER PENTAGON COULD NOT PROVIDE KUWAIT WITH A FEW HOWITZERS AT AN EARLIER TIME, RECALLING THAT OTHER COUNTRIES FROM WHOM GOK HAD PURCHASED WEAPONS WERE WILLING TO DO THIS WHEN IMPRESSED BY THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE KUWAITI NEED.

3. I EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT WE HAD ANTICIPATED THIS REQUEST AND THAT, AT MY INSTIGATION, DEPT. REPS HAD DISCUSSED
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THIS POSSIBILITY WITH DOD. HOWEVER, DEPT. OF ARMY HAS ADOPTED FIRM RULE THAT THEY WOULD NOT DRAW DOWN THEIR STOCKS OF WEAPONS AND, THEREFORE, IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE EVEN SMALL NUMBER OF HOWITZERS EARLIER. MOREOVER, HOWITZERS WERE PRESUMABLY MANUFACTURED AT GOVERNMENT ARSENAL AND WERE NOT AVAILABLE COMMERCIALY, AS HAD BEEN THE APCs FOR WHICH EMBASSY WAS ABLE TO ARRANGE EARLIER DELIVERY

DATE.

4. I INFORMED SHAIKH SA'AD THAT 1982 DELIVERY DATE WAS
FIRM ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON AND
THAT GOK WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO PURCHASE
HOWITZERS ON THAT BASIS. I EXPRESSED MY REGRET THAT WE
WERE NOT ABLE TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN THIS REGARD.
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